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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

5 v.

09 CR 764 (RJS)

6 FRANK DIPASCALI,

7 Defendant.

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9 New York, N.Y.
10 August 11, 2009
11 3:15 p.m.

12 Before:

13 HON. RICHARD J. SULLIVAN,

14 District Judge

15 APPEARANCES

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18 Southern District of New York

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1 (In open court; case called)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: All parties can state their
3 appearances for the record, please.

4 MR. LITT: Good afternoon, your Honor. Marc Litt for
5 the United States. With me at counsel table is Lisa Baroni,
6 Keith Kelley of the FBI, Julia Hanish, and Steven Garfinkel of
7 the FBI, and Natasha Ramesar of the U.S. Pretrial Services
8 Office.

9 THE COURT: Good afternoon to each of you.
10 For the defense.

11 MR. MUKASEY: Good afternoon, your Honor. Marc Mukasey
12 from the law firm Bracewell & Giuliani for the defendant Frank
13 DiPascali, who is seated to my left. With me are Dan Connolly,
14 Craig Warkol, and Jamie Renner.

15 THE COURT: Good afternoon to each you and to Mr.
16 DiPascali.

17 Let me just get a little bit of background so it is
18 clear since this is the first appearance of anyone on this
19 case. On Friday I received a letter from the government, Mr.
20 Litt and Ms. Baroni, advising me that the defendant, Mr.
21 DiPascali, was prepared to waive the indictment and plead
22 guilty pursuant to an information in this case.

23 The government also included a notice of intent to
24 file an information as opposed to an indictment, as well as a
25 motion pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3771

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1 regarding the right of victims. The government also provided a
2 disclosure statement setting forth a list of potential victims
3 of the criminal activity alleged in the case. This statement
4 contained a 61-page, single-spaced list of victims which the
5 government conceded was not an exhausted or complete list but
6 was a list that they had been able to put together over the
7 course of the investigation.

8 Mr. Litt, so far so good?

9 MR. LITT: Yes. I believe it is only institutional
10 victims, corporate parties.

11 THE COURT: That's right. 61 pages of institutional
12 victims.

13 In light of this fact that this case has not been
14 assigned a docket number, it will not receive a docket number
15 today after the defendant formerly waives indictment and pleads
16 here in open court.

17 The government requested that I issue an order
18 directing that its letter of August 7th be posted and the other
19 materials I mentioned be posted on the web page created by the
20 U.S. Attorney's Office for Madoff related cases. In the
21 government's view this was the most practical and efficient way
22 to notify potential victims of today's proceeding. So I issued
23 such an order on Friday, August 7th.

24 Late yesterday afternoon I received a copies of a
25 proposed information, a plea agreement, as well as a letter

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1 from the government setting forth the bail conditions proposed
2 by the parties in this case. I ordered that the last of these
3 be posted similarly on the and U.S. Attorney's Office web page
4 page. The information and plea agreement will presumably be
5 posted today presuming the defendant waives indictment and
6 executes the agreement that I received a draft of yesterday.

7 To ensure at least some notice to the victims,
8 including those who may be present here today, I directed the
9 government to summarize and post on the web page the charges
10 contained in the information and the nature of the proposed
11 plea agreement between the parties.

12 So are there any other additional facts that I left
13 out, Mr. Litt?

14 MR. LITT: I don't believe so. No, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, anything you think is
16 relevant to the record?

17 MR. MUKASEY: No, Judge. I think that is it.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, I understand that your client
19 wishes to plead guilty pursuant to the information that has
20 been drafted and provided to me, is that correct?

21 MR. MUKASEY: That's correct, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, before I accept your guilty
23 plea -- you can sit for the moment. Before I accept your
24 guilty plea, I am going to ask you certain questions to ensure
25 first of all that you are pleading guilty because you are

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1 guilty and not for some other. And also to make sure that you
2 fully understand your rights, your Constitution and statutory
3 rights, including your right to a trial.

4 So if at any point during the course of my questioning
5 you don't understand my question or require some further
6 elaboration on my part, let me know and I will do everything to
7 clarify. If at any point you wish to confer with Mr. Mukasey
8 or your other attorneys, that is perfectly fine. I will give
9 you as much time as I need. I don't want you to feel rushed
10 into a plea in this matter.

11 At this point I am going to ask Ms. Levine to
12 administer the oath. This is an oath that I ask you to rise
13 for. This is an oath that you will answer truthfully my
14 questions.

15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

16 (Defendant sworn)

17 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, having taken that oath, do
18 you understand that any false answers to my questions could
19 subject you to the penalties for perjury or for making a false
20 statement, which would carry separate penalties and be accept
21 and distinct from any of the crimes charged in the information
22 in this matter?

23 THE DEFENDANT: I do, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Again, if at any point you wish to confer
25 with your attorneys before answering, that is fine. If at any

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1 point you would like me to clarify a question before answering,
2 that is also fine. In fact, you should do that. But don't
3 make any false statements because that will compound any
4 problems that you may already have.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Understood.

6 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, could you state your full
7 name for the record?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Frank DiPascali, Jr.

9 THE COURT: How old are you, Mr. DiPascali?

10 THE DEFENDANT: 52.

11 THE COURT: How far you go in school?

12 THE DEFENDANT: High school.

13 THE COURT: Where was that?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Archbishop Malloy High School in
15 Briarwood, Queens.

16 THE COURT: Are you now or have you recently been
17 under the care of a doctor or a psychiatrist?

18 THE DEFENDANT: No.

19 THE COURT: Have you ever been treated for any type of
20 mental illness or any type of addiction, including drug or
21 alcohol addiction?

22 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

23 THE COURT: Have you taken any drugs or any medicine
24 or any pills or have you drunk any alcohol in the past 48
25 hours?

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1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: Tell me about that.

3 THE DEFENDANT: I had a glass of wine at dinner the
4 night before last.

5 THE COURT: The night before last?

6 THE DEFENDANT: That's correct.

7 THE COURT: No medication, no pills, no drugs of any
8 kind?

9 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

10 THE COURT: No other alcohol?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Correct.

12 THE COURT: Is your mind clear today?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Crystal clear, sir.

14 THE COURT: Do you understand the nature of this proceeding
15 and what is going to take place here today?

16 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, do you have any doubt as to
18 your client's mental competence to enter an informed plea at
19 this time?

20 MR. MUKASEY: None whatsoever.

21 THE COURT: Let me ask Mr. Litt and Ms. Baroni if they
22 share your confidence in that regard.

23 Mr. Litt?

24 MR. LITT: We do. We have no reason to think
25 otherwise.

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1 THE COURT: On the basis of Mr. DiPascali's responses
2 to my questions, my observations of his demeanor, and on the
3 representations of his counsel and the prosecutors, I find that
4 Mr. DiPascali is competent to enter an information plea at this
5 time.

6 Now, Mr. DiPascali, as I understand it you wish to
7 plead guilty to an information, is that correct?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Have you had enough of an opportunity to
10 discuss this information and the charges contained in it with
11 your attorney, Mr. Mukasey?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with Mr. Mukasey's
14 representation of you?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Absolutely.

16 THE COURT: Do you feel you need or require any
17 additional time to review the information or review any of the
18 other documents associated with this matter?

19 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

20 THE COURT: Now, have you received a copy of the
21 information that I've been referring to?

22 THE DEFENDANT: I have.

23 THE COURT: Have you read it yourself?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: Have you discussed it with your attorney

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1 Mr. Mukasey?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Do you waive the public reading of that
4 information, or would you like me to read it to you here in
5 open court?

6 THE DEFENDANT: I would prefer it to be waived.

7 THE COURT: You will waive the public reading. That's
8 fine.

9 Now, do you have in front of you -- I don't know
10 whether you have the original in front of you -- a waiver of
11 indictment form?

12 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

13 THE COURT: Is that your signature on that document?

14 THE DEFENDANT: It is.

15 THE COURT: When did you sign that?

16 THE DEFENDANT: About 15 minutes ago.

17 THE COURT: Prior to signing that document had you
18 reviewed the information in this case and discussed it with
19 Mr. Mukasey?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, is your signature on that
22 form as well?

23 MR. MUKASEY: It is, Judge.

24 THE COURT: And prior to signing it, did you review
25 the information and discuss it with your client?

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1 MR. MUKASEY: Extensively.

2 THE COURT: Now, I want to make sure you understand,
3 Mr. DiPascali, that you have a right, a constitutional right,
4 to proceed by way of an indictment, which is a charging
5 instrument returned by a grand jury rather than an information,
6 which is simply a charging instrument brought by prosecutors.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE COURT: I do. Under the Constitution you have a
9 right to have evidence underlying the crimes charged in the
10 information brought before the grand jury, which is a group of
11 23 citizens who would decide by majority vote whether probable
12 cause had been established to demonstrate that you had
13 committed the crimes charged in the charging instrument.

14 Do you understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.

16 THE COURT: Only if the grand jury reached that
17 determination of probable cause by a majority vote with a
18 proper quorum of grand jurors present could those charges be
19 returned against you.

20 Do you understand that?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: By waiving indictment, you will be giving
23 up that right and you will be agreeing to go forward on the
24 charges contained in the information without ever having the
25 evidence brought before a grand jury.

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1 Do you understand that?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Are you voluntarily and freely giving up
4 that right to proceed by a grand jury?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Absolutely.

6 THE COURT: Now, I want to explain to you your other
7 constitutional rights. Have you had a chance to review with
8 your attorney, Mr. Mukasey, a three-page document probably
9 entitled Advice of Rights Form that should have been provided
10 to you by my chambers?

11 THE DEFENDANT: I have.

12 THE COURT: Is your signature on the second page of
13 that document?

14 THE DEFENDANT: It is.

15 THE COURT: Before you signed that document, did you
16 review it carefully with your attorney, Mr. Mukasey?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, we did.

18 THE COURT: Did you have an opportunity discuss with
19 him any questions you may have had or any further explanation
20 of the rights described in that document?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Thoroughly.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, did you sign the third page?

23 MR. MUKASEY: I did, Judge.

24 THE COURT: Before signing it, did you have a full and
25 extensive opportunity to discuss the rights described in that

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1 document with your client?

2 MR. MUKASEY: Yes.

3 THE COURT: I am going to mark that as a court
4 exhibit. I will mark it as Court Exhibit 1. I will date it
5 and I will initial it.

6 I am also going to ask you in open court, Mr.
7 DiPascali, some questions about the rights that are contained
8 in this document. The reason I do that is because these rights
9 are so vitally important and it is so essential that you
10 understand these rights because they are there rights that you
11 will would be waiving. In addition to this document, I want to
12 make sure you have had an ample opportunity to consider them so
13 I will ask you questions that may seem redundant but I think is
14 it a price worth paying for rights that are this serious.

15 Mr. DiPascali, under the Constitution and laws of the
16 United States, you would be entitled to a speedy and public
17 jury trial on the charges contained in the information.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: At trial you would be presumed to be
21 innocent and the government would be required to prove you
22 guilty by competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt before
23 you could be found guilty.

24 Do you understand that?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.

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1 THE COURT: Now, at trial a jury of 12 people would
2 have to agree unanimously that you were guilty before you could
3 be found guilty.

4 Do you understand that?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: You would not have to prove that you were
7 innocent if you went to trial.

8 Do you understand that?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I understand.

10 THE COURT: The jury would have to be persuaded beyond
11 a reasonable doubt and they would have to be persuaded
12 unanimously of that fact before you could be found guilty.

13 Do you understand that?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Now, at trial and at every stage of your
16 case, you would be entitled to be represented by an attorney
17 and if you couldn't afford an attorney, one would be appointed
18 for you at no cost to you.

19 Do you understand that?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: During a trial, the witnesses for the
22 government would have to come into court and testify in your
23 presence.

24 Do you understand that?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

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1 THE COURT: It is called your right to confront your
2 accusers. It is the confrontation clause of the Constitution.
3 What that means is the witnesses would have to come and sit
4 right here or in a box like it if it were in a different
5 courtroom and you would be able to see them and hear them and
6 they would be able to see you.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: At trial your attorney Mr. Mukasey would
10 have an opportunity to cross-examine those witnesses.

11 Do you understand that?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: I have seen him do it. He is really good
14 at it. You would have that opportunity.

15 THE DEFENDANT: That is why I sit next to him.

16 THE COURT: He would also have an opportunity to
17 object to the government's evidence if he wished and if he felt
18 appropriate.

19 Do you understand that?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: At trial you would have the right to have
22 subpoenas issued, or other compulsory process used to compel
23 witnesses to testify if you wished.

24 Do you understand that?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

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1 THE COURT: If there are witnesses who you felt had
2 valuable testimony, valuable to your defense and they didn't
3 wish to testify, you could compel them to testify through
4 subpoenas.

5 Do you understand that?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: At trial you yourself would have the right
8 to testify if you chose.

9 Do you understand that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Would you also have the right not to
12 testify if you chose not to testify. If you chose not to
13 testify then no one, particularly the jury, could draw any
14 negative inference or any suggestion of your guilt by virtue of
15 the fact that you chose not to testify.

16 Do you understand that?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: I would tell the jury that more than once.
19 I tell them at the beginning and I would tell them in the
20 middle and at the end that this was a fundamental right and
21 principle of bedrock proportions in our constitutional system,
22 that the criminal defendant never has any obligation to do
23 anything at a trial. The burden also rests with the
24 government. So if a defendant were not to testify, they could
25 not and must not draw any negative inference against that

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1 witness by virtue of that nontestimony.

2 Do you understand that?

3 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

4 THE COURT: Now, do you understand that if you went to
5 trial and you were convicted at trial, you would then have a
6 right to appeal the jury's verdict if you wished.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Now, if you plead guilty and if I accept
10 your guilty plea, you will give up your right to a trial and
11 all the other rights I have just described.

12 Do you understand that?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: The only exception to that would be your
15 right to counsel. That right would continue through your plea,
16 through sentencing, and through appeal if you wished to appeal.

17 Do you understand that?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: But the other rights that I just described
20 and are described in the document that we talked about before,
21 Court Exhibit 1, those would be gone. You would be waiving
22 those.

23 Do you understand that?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: Do you understand you have a right to

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1 change your mind even now?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

3 THE COURT: There are a lot of people here, and your
4 lawyers are here, the government is here. That is well and
5 good but if you want to go to trial, you have a right to go to
6 trial and nobody will be upset with you and annoyed at you.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: I understand, sir.

9 THE COURT: Do you nevertheless wish to go forward
10 with your guilty plea at this time?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Now, do you understand that if you plead
13 guilty and if I accept your guilty plea then you will be
14 sentenced on the basis of that guilty plea among other things;
15 do you understand that?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Do you understand that if you plead
18 guilty, there will be no appeal on the question of whether or
19 not you committed the offenses to which you pled guilty; do you
20 understand that?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.

22 THE COURT: Do you also understand if you plead
23 guilty, I am going to ask you questions about what you did. I
24 am going to ask you basically to give up your right not to
25 incriminate yourself because I am going to need you to tell me

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1 what you did that makes you guilty of these crimes before I
2 will accept the plea; do you understand that?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: I said a minute ago if you went to trial
5 you would have a right not to testify and that of course is
6 true. No negative inference could be drawn against you or
7 considered by the jury. If you are going to plead guilty then
8 I will need to be persuaded that you are pleading guilty
9 because you are guilty and not for some other reason. So that
10 is why I am going to ask you questions about what you did and
11 how that makes you guilty of the offense.

12 Do you understand?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Do you understand each and everyone of
15 these rights, Mr. DiPascali?

16 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

17 THE COURT: Are you waiving your rights to a trial and
18 all the other rights I just mentioned?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Now, the information that you have
21 indicated you've read charged you in 10 separate counts.

22 Do you understand that?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

24 THE COURT: I am not going to go through it in detail.
25 I am not going to read it. The first count charges you with

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1 conspiracy to commit securities fraud, investment advisory
2 fraud, falsify books and records of a broker/dealer, falsify
3 books and records of an investment fund, mail fraud, wire
4 fraud, money laundering all in violation of Title 18, United
5 States Code, Section 371-72.

6 Count Two charges you with a substantive count of
7 securities fraud violation of 15, United States Code, Section
8 78j(b), 78ff.

9 The third count charges you with investment adviser
10 fraud, in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section
11 80b-6 and 80b-17.

12 The fourth count charges you with falsifying
13 broker/dealer books and records in violation of Title 15,
14 United States Code, Sections 78q(a) and 78ff as well as the
15 regulation that is promulgated thereafter 17, C.F.R., Section
16 240.17(a)(3).

17 The fifth count charges you with falsifying investment
18 adviser books and records in violation of 15, United States
19 Code, Section 80(b)(4) and 80b-17 as well as a code section of
20 the C.F.R.

21 Count Six charges you with mail fraud in violation of
22 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

23 Count Seven charges you with wire fraud in violation
24 of Title 18, United States Code, 1343.

25 Count Eight charges you with money laundering in

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1 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(2).

2 Count Nine charges you with perjury in violation of
3 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1621.

4 Count Ten charges you with income tax evasion in
5 violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

6 So those are the 10 counts.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.

9 THE COURT: In addition the information contains two
10 forfeiture allegations. The first calls for you to forfeit all
11 property and proceeds deprived from the crimes charged in
12 Counts One, Two, Six and Seven for a total amount of \$170
13 billion.

14 Do you understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes I do.

16 THE COURT: Billion with a "B."

17 And the second forfeiture allegation charges or
18 contains an allegation which would call for you to forfeit all
19 the property derived from the money laundering count, Count
20 Eight. That is for a total amount of at least \$250 million.

21 Do you understand that?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: I am going to ask the government now to
24 state the elements of the offense. These are the things that
25 the government would have to prove and the jury would have to

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1 find beyond a reasonable doubt for you to be convicted on those
2 counts of the information. These are the things that I will
3 have to find have been demonstrated before I will accept the
4 guilty plea on those counts. So I want you to listen very
5 carefully as Mr. Litt or Ms. Baroni describes these elements.
6 It may take a while frankly. But it is essential that you
7 understand these elements.

8 I assume you have discussed the elements of these
9 offenses with your attorney Mr. Mukasey.

10 MR. MUKASEY: In detail.

11 THE COURT: So, mr. Litt, do you want to go through
12 the counts in the indictment and the elements? In the
13 information. I think I said indictment. Information.

14 MR. LITT: With respect to Count One conspiracy, in
15 order to prove the crime of conspiracy the government must
16 establish each of the following elements beyond a reasonable
17 doubt:

18 First, that the conspiracy charged in the
19 information existed. In other words, that there was in fact an
20 agreement or understanding to violate the law of the United
21 States;

22 Second, that the defendant knowingly, willingly,
23 and voluntarily became a member of the conspiracy charged;

24 Third, that any one of the co-conspirators
25 knowingly committed at least one overt act in the Southern

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1 District of New York in furtherance of the conspiracy during
2 the life of the conspiracy.

3 Count Two, securities fraud. In order to prove the
4 crime of securities fraud, the government must prove each of
5 the following beyond a reasonable doubt:

6 First, that in connection with the purchase or
7 sale of a security the defendant did any one or more of the
8 following:

9 1: Employed a device, scheme or artifice to
10 defraud or,

11 2: Made an untrue statement of a material fact
12 or omitted to state a material fact which made what was said
13 under the circumstances misleading or,

14 3: Engaged in an act, practice, or course of
15 business that operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit
16 upon a purchaser or seller.

17 Second, that the defendant acted knowingly,
18 willfully, and with the intent to defraud; and,

19 Third, that the defendant knowingly used or
20 caused to be used any means or instruments of transportation or
21 communication in interstate commerce or the use of the mails in
22 furtherance of the fraudulent conduct.

23 Count Three, investment adviser fraud. In order to
24 prove the crime of investment adviser fraud, the government
25 must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the four following

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elements:

First, that the defendant was an investment adviser;

Second, that the defendant either (A) employed a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud clients and prospective clients, (B) engaged in a transaction, practice, or course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon those clients and perspective clients, or (C) engaged in an act, practice, and course of business that was fraudulent, deceptive and manipulative;

Third, that the defendant devised or participated in such allege device, scheme, or artifice to defraud, or engaged in such alleged transaction, practice, or course of business knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to defraud;

Fourth, that the defendant employed such alleged device, scheme, or artifice to defraud or engaged in such alleged transaction, practice, or course of business by use of the mails or other instrumentality of interstate commerce.

Count Four, falsifying broker/dealer books and records. In order to prove the crime of falsifying broker/dealer books and records, the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the following elements:

First, that at the time of the alleged offense, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities was a registered broker/dealer;

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1 Second, that that company failed to make and keep
2 certain accurate records as required under the SEC's rules and
3 regulations;

4 Third, that the defendant aided and abetted the
5 failure of that company to make and keep accurate records; and

6 Fourth, that the defendant acted knowingly and
7 willfully.

8 Count Five, falsifying books and records of an
9 investment adviser. In order to prove this crime, the
10 government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the
11 following:

12 First, that at the time of the alleged offense,
13 the Madoff firm was an investment adviser;

14 Second, that the firm failed to make and keep
15 certain accurate records as required under the SEC's rules and
16 regulations;

17 Third, that the defendant aided and abetted the
18 failure of the firm to make and keep accurate records;

19 Fourth, that the defendant acted knowingly and
20 willfully;

21 Fifth, that the offense involved the use of the
22 mails and means of instrumentalities of interstate commerce.

23 In order to prove Count Six, mail fraud, the
24 government must establish beyond a reasonable doubt each of the
25 following:

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1 First, that on or about the time alleged in the
2 information, there was a scheme or artifice to defraud in order
3 to obtain money or property by false and fraudulent pretenses,
4 representations, or promises;

5 Second, that the false or fraudulent statements
6 and representations concerned material facts;

7 Third, that the defendant knowingly and willfully
8 devised or participated in the scheme or artifice to defraud
9 with knowledge of its fraudulent nature and with specific
10 intent to defraud;

11 Fourth, that the United States mails or a
12 commercial carrier were used in furtherance of the scheme
13 specified in the information.

14 In order to prove the crime of wire fraud, Count
15 Seven, the government must establish beyond a reasonable doubt
16 the following four elements:

17 First, that at or about the time alleged in the
18 information, it was a scheme or artifice to defraud in order to
19 obtain money or property by false and fraudulent pretenses,
20 representations, or promises;

21 Second, that the false or fraudulent statements
22 and representations concerned material facts;

23 Third, that the defendant knowingly and willfully
24 devised or participated in the scheme or artifice to defraud
25 with knowledge of its fraudulent nature and with specific

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1 intent to defraud; and

2 Fourth, that interstate or foreign wire
3 facilities were used in furtherance of the scheme to defraud
4 and specified in the information.

5 In order to prove the crime of unlawful transportation
6 of funds or monetary instruments with the intent to promote the
7 carrying on of a specified unlawful activity --

8 THE COURT: This is what we are referring to as the
9 money laundering count?

10 MR. LITT: Count Eight, money laundering count, the
11 government must establish the following elements:

12 First, that the defendant transported a monetary
13 instrument or funds from a place in the United States to or
14 through a place outside the United States, or to a place in the
15 United States from or through a place outside of the United
16 States;

17 Second, that the defendant did so with the intent
18 promote the carrying on specified unlawful activity.

19 In order to prove Count Nine, perjury, the government
20 must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following
21 elements:

22 First, that the defendant took an oath to testify
23 truly before the Securities and Exchange Commission, a body
24 authored by law to administer oaths;

25 Second, that the defendant made false statements

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1 as to matters about which the defendant testified under oath
2 and set forth in the information;

3 Third, that the matters as to which it is charged
4 that the defendant made false statements were material to the
5 issues under inquiry by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
6 and

7 Fourth, that such false statements were willfully
8 made.

9 To prove the offense of the attempting to evade or
10 defeat a tax or the payment thereof, which is Count Ten, the
11 government must prove the following elements:

12 First, that the defendant attempted to evade or
13 defeat a tax;

14 Second, that additional taxes were due and owing
15 by the defendant;

16 Third, that the defendant acted knowingly and
17 willfully.

18 I should point out that there are aiding and abetting
19 charges as well with respect to the substantive counts set
20 forth in Counts Two through Eight. So if the defendant caused
21 or aided and abetted another in committing any of those crimes,
22 he would be guilty as if a principal.

23 THE COURT: I think I may have neglected to mention
24 the aiding and abetting counts.

25 You understand, Mr. DiPascali, in addition to the

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1 substantive crimes charged after the conspiracy count, Counts
2 Two through 10, some of those, most of those also charge aiding
3 and abetting so that even if you didn't commit the crime, it is
4 alleged that you aided and abetted others to commit the crime
5 and so each of the elements would have to be met for aiding and
6 abetting; all right?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Do you understand those are the elements
9 of the offenses?

10 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

11 THE COURT: It took a long time but is that consistent
12 with what you discussed with your attorney?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, do you agree those are the
15 elements to the offenses in the information?

16 MR. MUKASEY: I do, Judge.

17 THE COURT: I want to go over with you, Mr. DiPascali,
18 the maximum penalties you face for each of these offenses.
19 Count One, the conspiracy count, carries a maximum term of
20 imprisonment of five years, a maximum term of supervised
21 release of three years, a maximum fine of the greatest of
22 either \$250,000, or twice the gross pecuniary or financial loss
23 to persons, other than yourself, resulting from the offense, or
24 twice the gross pecuniary gain derived from the offense,
25 whichever is greatest of those three alternatives is the

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1 maximum fine. In addition as part of your sentence, I can
2 order restitution be paid to any victims and I can also order
3 that you forfeit the proceeds or least -- Count One carries at
4 least part of the forfeiture allegation, right?

5 MR. LITT: Yes.

6 THE COURT: In addition, Count One carries a mandatory
7 special assessment of \$100. That is in addition to any fine or
8 forfeiture or restitution.

9 Count Two, which is the securities fraud count,
10 carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years, a maximum
11 term of supervised release of three years, a maximum fine of
12 the greatest of \$5 million, or twice the gross gain or twice
13 the gross loss as I previously described those things so
14 whichever is greatest of those three, as well as restitution
15 and forfeiture and \$100 special assessment. The 100-dollar
16 special assessment would be mandatory.

17 Count Three, which is the investment adviser fraud
18 count, carries a maximum term of imprisonment of five years, a
19 maximum term of supervised release of three years, a maximum
20 fine of the greatest of either \$250,000, or twice the gross
21 pecuniary gain deprived from the offense or twice the gross
22 pecuniary loss to persons, other than yourself, as well as
23 restitution to any persons injured by this conduct, and a
24 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

25 Count Four, which is falsifying books and records of a

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1 broker/dealer carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 20
2 years, a maximum term of supervised release of three years, a
3 maximum fine again of the greatest \$5 million, or twice the
4 gross gain or twice the gross loss to persons, other than
5 yourself, from the offense, as well as restitution, and again a
6 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

7 Counts Five, which is falsifying books and records of
8 an investment adviser carries a maximum term of imprisonment of
9 five years, a maximum term of supervised release of three
10 years, a maximum fine of the greatest of \$10,000, or twice the
11 gross gain derived from the offense, or twice gross pecuniary
12 loss to persons, other than yourself, resulting from offense,
13 as well as restitution and again a \$100 special assessment.

14 Count Six is the mail fraud count. It carries a
15 maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years, a maximum term of
16 supervised release of three years, a maximum fine of \$250,000,
17 or twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss, as well as
18 restitution, and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

19 County Seven, wire fraud, carries similar penalties.
20 Again, a 20-year maximum term of imprisonment, a three-year
21 term of supervised release, a maximum fine of the greatest of
22 250,000, or twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss to
23 persons, other than yourself, as well as a potential for
24 restitution to any victims, and a \$100 special assessment.

25 Count Eight, which is a money laundering count,

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1 carries a maximum term of imprisonment of five years, a maximum
2 term of supervised release of three years, a maximum fine of
3 the greatest of \$500,000, or twice the gross gain or twice the
4 gross loss resulting from the offense, as well as restitution
5 to any victims, and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

6 Count Nine carries a maximum term of imprisonment of
7 five years, the perjury count, a maximum term of supervised
8 release of three years, a maximum fine of the greatest of
9 \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss, and
10 a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

11 Count Ten, which is the tax evasion count, carries a
12 maximum term of imprisonment five years, a maximum term of
13 supervised of three years, a maximum fine of the greatest of
14 \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss,
15 whichever is the greatest, as well as restitution, and a
16 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

17 Do you understand those are the maximum penalties?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Litt, something you wanted to add?

20 Did I misstate something?

21 MR. LITT: Your Honor, with respect to Count Six,
22 Seven, and Eight, mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering,
23 forfeiture is also a possible penalty.

24 THE COURT: Yes. I was going to mention the
25 forfeiture. I thought I did with respect to the individual

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1 counts. Understand for those counts for which the forfeiture
2 allegation as been set forth in the information, in addition to
3 any fine, in addition to any restitution, in addition to any
4 mandatory special assessment you could also be ordered to
5 forfeit any of the proceeds from the offense.

6 Do you understand that?

7 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

8 THE COURT: The maximum possible penalties combined
9 would be a maximum term of imprisonment of 125 years.

10 Do you understand that?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

12 THE COURT: The maximum special assessment, when you
13 collectively add up would be \$1,000, as well as the fines and
14 everything else I mentioned.

15 Do you understand that?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Are you a United States citizen, Mr.
18 DiPascali?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Do you understand as a result of your
21 conviction, you could lose certain valuable civil rights,
22 including your right to hold public office, your right to serve
23 on a jury, your right to vote, and your right to possess any
24 kind of firearm; do you understand that?

25 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

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1 THE COURT: Now, are you serving any other sentences
2 to day, state, federal or local at this time?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: Now, with respect to supervised release,
5 you should be aware that there are terms and conditions
6 associated with supervised release. If you were to violate the
7 terms of your supervised release, you then could be returned to
8 prison for the full period of your supervised release and you
9 would not get any credit for the good time on which you are on
10 supervised release.

11 Do you understand that?

12 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

13 THE COURT: I will give an illustration because it is
14 not always clear. If I sentenced you to a term of imprisonment
15 and then sentenced you to five years of supervised -- three
16 years of supervised release, we will say, three years. What
17 that means is after you have finished your prison sentence, you
18 will be released and you would be supervised by the Probation
19 Department. There will be conditions associated with your
20 supervision including, among other things, that you not commit
21 any further crimes, you not possess a firearm, you not use or
22 possess any kinds of drugs, among other things.

23 Well, if for 35 months you were perfect, you did
24 everything you were asked to do and then in the 36th month, the
25 last month of supervised release you committed another crime,

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1 or you possessed a firearm illegally, well, then I could
2 violate your supervised release and I could return you to
3 prison for three full years, the full term of supervised
4 release even though for 35 out of 36 months you were perfect.

5 Do you understand that?

6 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

7 THE COURT: Do you understand that parole has been
8 abolished so you would not be released from prison any earlier
9 as a result of parole?

10 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

11 THE COURT: Parole doesn't exist in the federal
12 system. It exists in certain state systems, including New York
13 State. It used to exist in the federal system and what that
14 meant typically is a judge would impose a sentence usually of
15 an indeterminate nature, five to 10 years, and someone else, a
16 parole board typically, would determine when would be the
17 appropriate time for the defendant to be released depending on
18 whether or not they had been rehabilitated or are ready to
19 resume life in the community. That is not a part of this
20 federal system. So whatever sentence I impose is the sentence
21 you will serve.

22 Do you understand that?

23 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

24 THE COURT: The only exception to that is that you
25 could receive up to 15 percent off for good behavior. That

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1 would be a determination made by Bureau of Prisons and it would
2 be no more than 15 percent of the sentence imposed.

3 Do you understand that?

4 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

5 THE COURT: I want to go over a few other things with
6 sentencing. First of all, in terming what your sentence will
7 be, that is a decision for me to make.

8 Do you understand that?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

10 THE COURT: For the Court and no one else.

11 So whatever your attorneys may have told you, whatever
12 the government may have told you, whatever any one else may
13 have told you, that is not binding on me.

14 Do you understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

16 THE COURT: I will determine what is the appropriate
17 sentence after reviewing the presentence report, after
18 reviewing submissions made by you if you wish, made by the
19 government, made by the victims of the offenses.

20 Do you understand that?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Only then will I decide what is the
23 appropriate sentence.

24 Now, I also want to go over with you the current state
25 of the law. Under the law I am required to consider certain

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1 factors before imposing sentence. I will tell you quite
2 candidly even if I weren't required to consider these things, I
3 would consider them. These are the factors that I think any
4 civilized society would take into account in imposing a
5 sentence on another human being.

6 Those things include, among other things, your own
7 personal history and background. It also includes obviously
8 the nature and circumstances of the offenses to which you have
9 offered to plea guilty. It includes the need for me to impose
10 a sentence that reflects the seriousness of the offenses and
11 the need to promote respect for the law.

12 Another objective for sentencing is deterrence, that
13 is both general and specific deterrence. I would be obliged to
14 fashion a sentence that prevents you from committing crimes of
15 this sort or any other sort in the future and that also would
16 have the effect of deterring others who might consider engaging
17 in this kind of criminal conduct to think twice, general
18 deterrence.

19 I would consider your own needs, your own
20 rehabilitative needs, your own medical needs, your own
21 educational needs, those things. For you and for any defendant
22 who comes before me I would consider those things before
23 imposing a sentence.

24 I would also consider the needs of the victims of
25 these crimes to receive restitution. That is obviously an

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1 important factor that would have to be considered in imposing a
2 sentence.

3 I would also consider the United States Sentencing
4 Guidelines. Are you familiar with the Sentencing Guidelines,
5 Mr. DiPascali?

6 THE DEFENDANT: I am.

7 THE COURT: You have discussed those with your
8 attorney?

9 THE DEFENDANT: In detail.

10 THE COURT: I am not going to go over them in great
11 detail. The United States Sentencing Guidelines are a big
12 book. A new edition comes out each year. This year's version
13 is about 600 pages long. I am not going to go into it in any
14 kind of detail. What these guidelines attempt to do is provide
15 objectives and transparent criteria by which an individual and
16 the criminal conduct that an individual engaged in can be
17 evaluated.

18 These guidelines are advisory. They are not binding
19 on me. I am not required to follow them. I am required to
20 consider them and I will consider them. What they essentially
21 do is that for each crime or type of crime, they provide a
22 framework to assess the seriousness of that crime. There are
23 two calculations that are done. First, is a offense level
24 calculation. For financial frauds, for example, the
25 calculation would focus on the amount of loss involved, the

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1 number of victims, the nature of the offense. And for each of
2 those factors, it would be numerical value ascribed. And so in
3 calculating these things, the Court would basically do math and
4 come up with a number, which would be the offense level.

5 In addition there is a separate calculation for
6 criminal history category and so not surprisingly a person
7 engaged in other criminal conduct who has prior convictions and
8 prior sentences would be treated more seriously and would get
9 more criminal history points than someone who has no criminal
10 history. On the basis of those two calculations, offense level
11 on the one hand and criminal history category on the other, the
12 guidelines comes up with a range in terms of months which in
13 the view of the Commission that prepares these guidelines would
14 be appropriate in the ordinary case.

15 So as I said I will consider those calculations, I
16 will make calculations, and I will certainly consider the range
17 that is provided for and proposed by these guidelines. At the
18 end of the day, ultimately I don't have to follow them and I am
19 free to go higher or lower as I see fit.

20 Do you understand that?

21 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

22 THE COURT: Finally, I want to make sure that you
23 understand whatever sentence I impose no matter how unhappy you
24 may be with it, you will not be entitled to withdraw your
25 guilty plea at that point and go forward with the trial.

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1 Do you understand that?

2 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

3 THE COURT: You will be entitled to your opinion that
4 I got it wrong or I was too harsh, but you would not be able to
5 say I would like to turn the clock back to August 11th and go
6 to trial now because that option will have gone.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

9 THE COURT: I understand there is a plea agreement in
10 this case, is that correct?

11 MR. MUKASEY: That's correct.

12 MR. LITT: Yes.

13 THE COURT: Is the original with you, Mr. Mukasey?

14 MR. MUKASEY: It is, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You can keep that there for the moment. I
16 received a draft. I have not received an executed or signed
17 copy. Let me make sure it is the same as what you have. Bear
18 with me for a second.

19 (Pause)

20 It is an August 11th letter. It is a seven-paged,
21 single-spaced letter. It is from the government, Ms. Baroni
22 and Mr. Litt, to Mr. Mukasey, your attorney.

23 Do you have a copy of this in front you, or the
24 original in front of you?

25 THE DEFENDANT: I have the original.

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1 THE COURT: Is your signature on the last page?

2 THE DEFENDANT: It is.

3 THE COURT: When did you sign it?

4 THE DEFENDANT: 35 minutes ago.

5 THE COURT: Before you signed it, did you have an
6 opportunity to read this agreement?

7 THE DEFENDANT: In detail.

8 THE COURT: Did you have an opportunity discuss it
9 with Mr. Mukasey in detail?

10 THE DEFENDANT: We have.

11 THE COURT: Do you require any additional time to
12 review this agreement?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, is that your signature on the
15 last page as well?

16 MR. MUKASEY: It is, Judge.

17 THE COURT: Before you signed it, did you review this
18 agreement in detail with your client?

19 MR. MUKASEY: Yes, we did.

20 THE COURT: Now, Mr. DiPascali, I am not going to go
21 over this in tremendous detail because as I said it is a
22 seven-paged, single-spaced letter. I want to make sure you
23 understand the nature of this agreement. This agreement is
24 what is known as cooperation agreement.

25 Is that your understanding?

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1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, it is.

2 THE COURT: By this agreement you have agreed to
3 cooperate with the government and to take on certain
4 obligations that are set forth in this agreement.

5 Is that correct?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: The government has agreed if you provide
8 substantial assistance, well, they will make a motion to the
9 Court to apprise me of that assistance, which would then allow
10 me for sentence you below the Sentencing Guidelines. So that
11 is essence what the agreement is.

12 Is that your understanding?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Exactly, sir.

14 THE COURT: Is there any other agreement that you have
15 besides this one, besides this August 11th agreement?

16 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

17 THE COURT: Is there any other oral agreement or any
18 side agreement that exists beyond the confines of these seven
19 pages?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

21 THE COURT: Has anybody attempted to threaten you or
22 induce you or otherwise persuade you to plead guilty to the
23 charges contained in the information or to accept and sign this
24 plea agreement?

25 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

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1 THE COURT: You signed it of your own free will and
2 voluntarily?

3 THE DEFENDANT: I have.

4 THE COURT: Now, I want to make sure you understand if
5 the government decides that you provided substantial
6 assistance -- as I say they can make this motion -- I am not
7 required to follow it and I will still ultimately decide what
8 is the proper sentence.

9 Do you understand that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

11 THE COURT: Now, if the government decides that you
12 did not provide substantial assistance, then that may limit my
13 ability to sentence you below the guidelines. As I said the
14 guidelines are just advisory so it ultimately wouldn't bar me
15 from doing so. There was a time when it would have, but it
16 wouldn't today. Certainly the government has the exclusive
17 right to decide whether or not you provided substantial
18 assistance under this agreement.

19 Do you understand that?

20 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, are you aware of any of valid
22 defense that would apply as a matter of law or any other reason
23 why your client should not be allowed to enter a plea at this
24 time?

25 MR. MUKASEY: No, Judge.

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1 THE COURT: Now, at this point I am going to ask you
2 to stand, Mr. DiPascali. I want you to tell me in your own
3 words what it is that you did that makes you guilty of the
4 offense -- excuse me -- the offenses charged in the
5 information. So since there are 10 counts, this may take a
6 while. I am not sure if you discussed with your lawyer how is
7 the best way to do this, either count by count or groups of
8 counts.

9 Mr. Mukasey, do you have a view?

10 MR. MUKASEY: Judge, we have we have worked together
11 to prepare a statement that I think covers all the counts. I
12 think we can have Mr. DiPascali read it if that is okay with
13 the Court. I think that he will hit all the elements of all
14 the counts. If you would like he can advise the Court of the
15 counts that he is about to discuss if that is helps focus the
16 Court.

17 THE COURT: Whatever you think is most appropriate.
18 There is nothing wrong with reading a statement, Mr. DiPascali,
19 as long as they are really your words. It is not usual a
20 defendant in your position would work with their attorney to
21 prepare a statement that would be their allocution to crimes
22 charged in the information. But it is important that they be
23 your words and that is something you are just reciting or
24 reading.

25 I may ask you some questions or interrupt along the

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1 way. If you have a statement, why don't we start with that and
2 we will see if it is necessary to follow up in certain areas.

3 MR. MUKASEY: May I have one moment?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 While you are conferring if you could hand to
6 Ms. Levine the plea agreement, I will mark that as a court
7 exhibit. I will mark that as Court Exhibit 2. I will initial
8 and date it as well.

9 (Pause)

10 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, are you ready?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I am.

12 THE COURT: Let me ask you to read slowly so the court
13 reporter can get it down. We have very good court reporters,
14 probably the best in the world, but there are limits to what 10
15 fingers can do. I frequently speak too quickly and they are
16 too polite to remind me, but I will remind you.

17 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, your Honor.

18 I am standing here today to say that from the early
19 1990s until December of 2008 I helped Bernie Madoff, and other
20 people, carry out the fraud that hurt thousands of people. I
21 am guilty and I want to explain a little bit about what I did
22 and how I want everybody everyone to know that I take
23 responsibility for my conduct.

24 Judge, I started working for Bernard Madoff Investment
25 Securities in 1975 right after a graduated from high school. I

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1 was a kid from Queens. I didn't have a college degree. I
2 didn't know anything about Wall Street. I ended up spending
3 the next 30 years working for Bernie Madoff and his firm until
4 December 11th, 2008.

5 Over the first 15 or so years at the Madoff firm, I
6 had a bunch of different jobs. I worked a research analyst,
7 and options trader, and a guy who basically did whatever I was
8 told to do around the office.

9 In 1987 I helped move our firm from the office at 110
10 Wall Street to our new office at 885 Third Avenue. Eventually
11 Bernie Madoff's investment advisory business, which managed
12 client accounts, took space on the 17th floor of 885 Third
13 Avenue and I became sort of a supervisor of that floor.

14 During that first 15 or so years, I watched Bernie
15 Madoff and other people at the firm. I learned how the
16 securities industry worked, or at least how it worked in the
17 Madoff universe. I thought I worked for a prestigious and
18 successful securities firm.

19 By 1990 or so Bernie Madoff was a mentor to me and a
20 lot more. I was loyal to him. I ended up being loyal to a
21 terrible, terrible fault. By the early 1990s Bernie Madoff had
22 stable clients whose accounts he managed as an investment
23 adviser. He attracted a lot of these clients by telling them
24 that the firm would apply a hedged investment strategy to their
25 money. The clients were told that the strategy involved

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1 purchasing what we call basket of blue chip common stocks.
2 Hedging those investments by buying and selling option
3 contracts, getting in and out of the market at opportune times
4 and investing in government securities at other times.

5 By 2008 Bernie Madoff had thousands of clients who
6 believed their funds were being invested this way. For years I
7 was a main point of contact for many of those clients when they
8 had questions about their account.

9 From at least the early 1990s through December of
10 2008, there was one simple fact that Bernie Madoff knew, that I
11 knew, and that other people knew but that we never told the
12 clients nor did we tell the regulators like the SEC. No
13 purchases of sales of securities were actually taking place in
14 their accounts. It was all fake. It was all fictitious. It
15 was wrong and I knew it was wrong at the time, sir.

16 THE COURT: When did you realize that?

17 THE DEFENDANT: In the late '80s or early '90s.

18 I would like to address some of the counts in the
19 information. Regarding Count One, conspiracy; Count Two,
20 securities fraud; and Count Three, investment adviser fraud.

21 From our office in Manhattan at Bernie Madoff's
22 direction, and together with others, I represented to hundreds,
23 if not thousands, of clients that security trades were being
24 placed in their accounts when in fact no trades were taking
25 place at all.

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1 THE COURT: How did you do that? Through documents or
2 through oral communications?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Both.

4 THE COURT: Both.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Most of the time the clients' money
6 just simply went into a bank account in New York that Bernie
7 Madoff controlled. Between the early '90s and December '08 at
8 Bernie Madoff's direction, and together with others, I did
9 follow things: On a regular basis I told clients over the
10 phones and using wires that transactions on national securities
11 exchanges were taking place in their account when I knew that
12 no such transactions were indeed taking place. I also took
13 steps to conceal from clients, from the SEC, and from auditors
14 the fact that no actual security trades were taking place and
15 to perpetuate the illusion that they actually were.

16 On a regular basis I used hindsight to file historical
17 prices on stocks then I used those prices to post purchase of
18 sales to customer accounts as if they had been executed in
19 realtime. On a regular basis I added fictitious trade data to
20 account statements of certain clients to reflect the specific
21 rate of earn return that Bernie Madoff had directed for that
22 client.

23 Regarding Count Six, mail fraud, on a regular basis I
24 caused the U.S. mail to be used to send fraudulent account
25 statements to clients from our office in Manhattan. The

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1 account statements listed security transactions that had
2 supposedly taken place in the client accounts, although I knew
3 that no such transactions had indeed taken place. For example,
4 in December of 2008, I caused fake accounts statements to be
5 mailed from the Madoff firm to a client in Manhattan.

6 Regarding the wire fraud, or Count Seven, on a regular
7 basis I caused money to be wired from bank accounts in that New
8 York to bank accounts in London, and other places abroad. For
9 example, in March of '07 I caused about \$14 million to be sent
10 by wire from a bank account in London to a bank account in New
11 York in furtherance of this fraudulent scheme.

12 THE COURT: How did it further this scheme?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Bernie Madoff was trying to present
14 the scenario, Judge, to regulators and others that he was
15 earning commission income on these fictitious trades in order
16 to substantiate the ruse. He had me wire funds -- excuse me.
17 He had our London office wire funds to New York that
18 represented the theoretical amount of those commissioned
19 incomes, had the regulators come in and added up all the
20 tickets, if you will, to see our customer commissions. And in
21 the example I cited in that particular instance, we would have
22 had we actually done those trades earned \$14 million in
23 commission income. So he had the London office wire to the New
24 York office a figure of about \$14 million.

25 THE COURT: What was your role in connection with

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1 those wire transfers?

2 THE DEFENDANT: I calculated the theoretical
3 commissions and advised the London office where to send the
4 money.

5 On Count Eight, sir, international money laundering,
6 between 2002 and 2008, I caused money to be wired from a Madoff
7 firm bank account in New York to a Madoff account in London,
8 which again was used to continue this fraud. I participated in
9 falsifying documents that were required to be made and kept
10 accurately under the SEC rules and regulations, including
11 ledgers, trade blotters, customer statements, and trade
12 confirmations.

13 On Count Four and five, falsifying broker/dealer books
14 and records and falsifying investment adviser books and
15 records, between 2004 and 2008 the firm was a registered
16 broker/dealer. Between September '06 and December '08 when the
17 firm was also a registered as an investment adviser, it was
18 required to make accurate books and records under the SEC
19 rules. In January of '06, together with others, I used data
20 from the Internet to create fake trade blotters that were made
21 and kept and produced for the SEC.

22 In April of '08, together with others, I caused fake
23 trade blotters, ledgers, and other books and records to be made
24 and kept by the firm.

25 In order to discuss Count Nine, which is perjury, on

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1 January 26, 2006, at Bernie Madoff's direction I lied to the
2 SEC during testimony I gave under oath in Manhattan about the
3 activities of the Madoff firm. My false testimony is set out
4 in Paragraph 61 of the information.

5 I did all of these fraudulent activities, your Honor,
6 in Manhattan.

7 THE COURT: Let me ask you about the perjury count.
8 There is a number of specifications of false statements, eight,
9 in particular with an underlying portions which I gather are
10 the false or allegedly false statements. Is your statement
11 here today that the underlying portions set forth in pages 41
12 through 43 were in fact false statements?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: At the time you uttered these
15 statements -- this is a transcript of your testimony, is that
16 correct?

17 THE DEFENDANT: It is indeed a transcript describing
18 the Madoff trading operation, which I knew at time when I was
19 describing it was entirely fraudulent.

20 THE COURT: So you anticipated my next question. You
21 knew at the time you made these statements that portions of the
22 statements, in particular the underlying portions, were false?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: You did this to mislead the SEC?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

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1 THE COURT: For what purpose?

2 THE DEFENDANT: To throw them off their tracks, sir.

3 THE COURT: Did you have a sense they were on the
4 track?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: At that point?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: These statements were made all on one
9 occasion, January 26, 2006?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: And where was that?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Down at the SEC offices in the World
13 Trade Center.

14 THE COURT: World Financial Center?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Correct.

16 THE COURT: I interrupted you. I think you were
17 proceeding on to another count.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, thousands of clients,
19 institutions, individuals, funds, charities were all misled
20 about the status of their accounts, what was being done with
21 their money, and what their accounts were worth.

22 In order to discuss Count Ten, which is tax evasion,
23 let me say that in the years 2002, 5, 6 and 7, I evaded federal
24 taxes that I owed by putting some of my income in the name of a
25 corporation I controlled and that I didn't fully and truthfully

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1 report my income on my federal income tax returns.

2 Your Honor, while this was going on, I knew no trades
3 were happening. I knew I was participating in a fraudulent
4 scheme. I knew what was happening was criminal and I did it
5 anyway.

6 I thought for a long time that Bernie Madoff had other
7 assets that he could liquidate if the clients requested the
8 return of their money. That is not an excuse. There is no
9 excuse. I knew everything that I did was wrong and it was
10 criminal and I did it knowingly and willfully. I regret
11 everything that I did. I accept complete responsibility for my
12 conduct. I don't know how I went from an 18-year-old kid
13 happening to have a job to before someone standing before the
14 Court today. I can only say I never wanted to hurt anyone. I
15 apologize to every victim of this catastrophe and to my family
16 and to the government. I am very, very sorry.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. DiPascali.

18 Let me ask you a couple questions about the tax fraud
19 count.

20 This is the years between 2002 and 2007. It sound
21 like it is 2002, 2005, 2006, and 2007; is that correct?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: And when you made the false statements to
24 the IRS, where were you when you did that? This was in your
25 tax returns you made these false statements?

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1 THE DEFENDANT: In those years, sir, I did not file
2 tax returns.

3 THE COURT: But at the time you either filed false tax
4 returns or didn't file tax returns, you understood that you
5 were liable for additional taxes, that you had hidden income so
6 to speak through this company that you controlled?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Did any of the fraud associated with the
9 tax evasion take place in New York?

10 MR. MUKASEY: May I have one moment, your Honor?

11 THE COURT: Certainly.

12 (Pause)

13 MR. MUKASEY: Your Honor, with respect to the venue on
14 Count Ten, I think it is fair to say that the evidence would
15 show that the income that was evaded was earned in New York and
16 the money was transferred into this corporation from an account
17 in New York. To the extent that that establishes venue, we
18 offer that for venue. If not, Judge, we are willing to waive
19 venue as to Count Ten.

20 He is a resident of New Jersey. A lot of his personal
21 accounting actions take place in New Jersey. So it is a
22 movement of the money into this account that he controlled in
23 the Southern District of New York. If it is not enough to
24 establish venue, we will waive venue on Count Ten.

25 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, do you understand what

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1 Mr. Mukasey just said?

2 THE DEFENDANT: I do, sir.

3 THE COURT: We didn't talk really about venue when we
4 were going through the elements of the offense. These are the
5 10 elements that Mr. Litt described and these were things that
6 would have to be demonstrated and proven beyond a reasonable
7 doubt if you went to trial.

8 Each of the counts of the information also have a
9 requirement that venue be established. The standard of proof
10 for venue is lesser. It is by a preponderance. It means a
11 little more than halfway basically. So what Mr. Mukasey has
12 said is he thinks there is such basis for venue to be
13 established on the tax evasion case; but if there weren't that
14 you would you be prepared to waive venue, which you can do.

15 Is that your understanding? Is that what you wish to
16 do?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Give me a minute. There are 10 counts
19 here so I want to take a quick look to make sure we covered the
20 elements.

21 While I am doing that, Mr. Litt, to your mind is that
22 a sufficient allocution with respect to each of the 10 Counts
23 of the information?

24 MR. LITT: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, do you agree?

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1 MR. MUKASEY: I do, your Honor.

2 Mr. DiPascali, has one or two more sentences.

3 THE COURT: I am sorry. I didn't mean to cut you off,
4 Mr. DiPascali.

5 THE DEFENDANT: I wanted to make it very, very clear I
6 know my apology means almost nothing but I hope my actions
7 going forward with the government will mean something and I
8 promise to dedicate all my energy to try to explain to others
9 how this happened. I hope my help will bring some small
10 measure of comfort to those who have been harmed.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

13 (Pause)

14 THE COURT: Mr. Litt, let me ask you to summarize the
15 government's evidence if it were to go to trial.

16 Mr. DiPascali, let me ask you to listen carefully to
17 Mr. Litt as he summarizes the evidence and also as he
18 summarizes your role in these offenses. Because after he is
19 done, I am going to ask you if you take issue with or dispute
20 anything he just said. So I want you to pay close attention.

21 MR. LITT: Yes, your Honor. If this case were to have
22 proceeded to trial, the government would have proven through
23 testimony and evidence beyond a reasonable doubt the facts set
24 forth in the information. In summary, the government would
25 have proven that beginning at least as early as the 1980s, a

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1 conspiracy existed between Mr. DiPascali, Mr. Madoff, and
2 others, to commit securities fraud, investment adviser fraud,
3 falsifying books and records of a broker/dealer and of an
4 investment adviser, mail fraud, wire fraud, and money
5 laundering.

6 Mr. Madoff's firm, Bernard L. Madoff Investment
7 Securities, LLC., was a registered broker/dealer throughout the
8 period and was a registered investment adviser between about
9 September 2006 and December 11th of 2008.

10 Mr. DiPascali worked at the firm in New York, New
11 York, where the firm was located beginning in 1975. By the
12 early 1990s, Mr. DiPascali was responsible under the direction
13 of Mr. Madoff for a major part of the firm's investment
14 advisory business. That part of the business purported to
15 invest client funds in the basket of stocks from the S & P 100
16 hedged by options transactions. In fact, the evidence would
17 demonstrate that Mr. DiPascali, Mr. Madoff, and others knew
18 that no stocks or options were being purchased as had been
19 promised to investors.

20 Mr. Madoff, Mr. DiPascali, and other co-conspirators
21 made it appear as though clients' investments with the firm
22 were profitable by sending those clients literally millions of
23 pages of false account statements and trade confirmations
24 through the U.S. mails. Those account statements and trade
25 confirmations reported or purported to report transactions that

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1 had been made up using historical price data and with the
2 benefit of hindsight. None of the reported transactions were
3 real.

4 In later years when revenues from other parties of
5 Mr. Madoff's business declined, Mr. Madoff and Mr. DiPascali
6 wired hundreds of millions of dollars of invested funds to a
7 bank account in London and sent some of that money back to New
8 York, New York to an operating account that funded other
9 parties of Mr. Madoff's business. Among the uses of interstate
10 wires -- I should say Mr. DiPascali used interstate wires in
11 connection with the fraud both in speaking with investors
12 located outside New York as well as to transfer money to and
13 from bank accounts in New York, New York.

14 The government also would have proven that to conceal
15 the fraud and to deceive the SEC under the direction of
16 Mr. Madoff, Mr. DiPascali and other co-conspirators created
17 false books and records, records that were required to be kept
18 and maintained by the firm and were required by SEC regulation
19 to contain true data.

20 THE COURT: Can I ask -- perhaps I should have asked
21 Mr. DiPascali this -- is Mr. DiPascali an advisement adviser or
22 broker/dealer licensed to do these things, or the firm does and
23 he worked with the firm?

24 MR. LITT: He is not. He worked for the firm. And
25 the aiding and abetting charges in the information cover that.

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1 THE COURT: Thank you.

2 MR. LITT: As I was saying for the books and records,
3 SEC rules and regulations require the firm to keep various
4 books and records both in its capacity as a broker/dealer and
5 as an investment adviser and Mr. Madoff, Mr. DiPascali, and
6 others caused false and fraudulent records to be created, some
7 of which were presented to the SEC as well. They did that to
8 conceal the fraud and conceal some of the activities that the
9 firm was engaged in.

10 At Mr. Madoff's direction Mr. DiPascali also committed
11 perjury in sworn testimony from the SEC in New York. There are
12 several instances of that set forth under the indictment.

13 THE COURT: Information.

14 MR. LITT: Sorry.

15 THE COURT: I did it before, too.

16 MR. LITT: In sum that false testimony disguised the
17 nature and scale of the investment advisory business that the
18 firm was engaged in.

19 Finally, the defendant attempted to evade federal
20 income taxes by taking income through a nominee LLC, limited
21 liability corporation, in which he controlled in failing to
22 declare and pay taxes on that income.

23 THE COURT: Do you have a view with respect to venue
24 on that count, Count Ten?

25 MR. LITT: I think the transfer of the money from New

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1 York, New York probably is sufficient; but I think out of an
2 abundance of caution I think a waiver of venue is appropriate
3 and covers venue.

4 THE COURT: Is a waiver of venue contained in the
5 agreement between the parties on Count Ten?

6 MR. LITT: It is not.

7 THE COURT: So that would be something that Mr.
8 DiPascali has agreed to waive venue on Count Ten but it is not
9 contained in the agreement?

10 MR. LITT: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, did you hear what Mr. Litt
12 just said.

13 THE DEFENDANT: I have.

14 THE COURT: Do you disagree or take issue with any of
15 his characterization of the facts or the evidence in this case?

16 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir, I don't.

17 THE COURT: Have a seat.

18 At this time I had put out a couple sign-in sheets
19 before to provide for victims if they wish to be heard on the
20 issue of whether or not the plea should be accepted and the
21 plea agreement should be accepted, and if they wish to speak
22 later on the issue of bail and remand. I had one victim sign
23 the sheet to be heard as to whether or not the plea and plea
24 agreement should be accepted. That is Miriam seed man.

25 Is Ms. Seed man here?

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1 Ms. Seed man, would you still like to be heard on this
2 issue.

3 MS. SIEGMAN: I would.

4 THE COURT: Come up and use the lecturn if you don't
5 mind. While I am here, if there is any other victim who wishes
6 to be heard on this issue, and this issue only, who did not get
7 a chance to sign, perhaps you can raise your hand now and I can
8 send the sheet your way.

9 Is there anyone?

10 Let the record reflect that there is no other person
11 here in the courtroom has signified that they wish to speak as
12 a victim with respect to the issue of whether or not the Court
13 should accept the plea and the plea agreement.

14 Ms. Siegman, identify yourself for the record, speak
15 slowly, spell your name too, and then I am happy to hear you.

16 MS. SIEGMAN: Thank you, Judge Sullivan.

17 Can you hear me?

18 THE COURT: I can.

19 MS. SIEGMAN: My name is Miriam Siegman. M-i-r-i-a-m,
20 last name, S-i-e-g-m-a-n.

21 THE COURT: I probably mispronounced your name. I
22 apologize.

23 MS. SIEGMAN: That's fine.

24 I am a 65-year-old Madoff victim now penniless and
25 facing homelessness. I stand before you, Judge Sullivan, to

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1 ask that you consider rejecting this deal.

2 Criminal defendants in the Madoff case central to this
3 murderous fraud want to cut deals by swapping information,
4 naming names in exchange for lighter sentences. That, of
5 course, is their right. To some victims, not all, but to some
6 this behind-closed-doors bargaining seems to depend heavily on
7 the quality and connectedness of the defendants' lawyers and a
8 quest for expediency.

9 I ask, and others as well: Should these factors trump
10 the victims and the public's need for the truth, the full truth
11 that could come of a trial or the chance for victims to hear in
12 open court evidence, witnesses' questioned, and cross-examined,
13 or the chance to have brought before the mighty power of the
14 Bench even the most exalted, the most highly placed, including
15 government officials, and elected officials?

16 Has it been decided somewhere that a trial is too
17 great a luxury, too much of an expense for the public quest for
18 truth, too time consuming and bothersome or politically
19 unpleasant?

20 Why, Judge Sullivan, am I asking you to consider my
21 request to reject a deal? The crimes allegedly committed by
22 Mr. DiPascali and already admitted to by Mr. Madoff, Mr.
23 DiPascali's boss of 30 years, are enormous in scope. These
24 crimes have affected thousands of men, women, and children,
25 whole generations of families have been decimated, children,

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1 parents, dependents who are ill. None of these victims knows
2 how or why this has happened to them. The defendants won't say
3 a word until today, even then very little, and the prosecutors
4 have said very little to victims.

5 The alleged crimes were vast and systematic, executed
6 with great attention to detail. The result total: Total
7 destruction of normal daily life now and likely forever for
8 thousands of us, certainly for me. Dazed, we are told that we
9 have no need to know how the crimes against us were carried
10 out. Today, a few tasty tidbits were thrown out into the court
11 and I could see every snap to attention with a genuine interest
12 in hearing those details and the need to know them.

13 Then there is the astonishing duration of the crime.
14 Mr. DiPascali was an employee of Madoff for 30 -- well over 30
15 years or around 30 years. The criminal enterprise went and on.
16 He, of course, had ample opportunity to do the right thing.
17 Victims have no idea how this could have been possible, this
18 long duration. Though, there are hints of horrendous
19 dereliction of duty within and outside of government and in the
20 street. One sentence about lying to the SEC doesn't tell the
21 story.

22 There is also the corrupting ripple effect of Mr.
23 DiPascali's alleged activities, activities which in the view of
24 many victims encouraged and enabled criminal activity on the
25 part of others, but we have learned nothing about how or why

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1 and likely we will learn nothing about how or why.

2 And Finally, and perhaps the most troubling of all for
3 me, the possible purchase of influence with the goal of
4 protecting Madoff from investigation and legislation. Victims,
5 and as importantly the American public, the little guy with a
6 401K or pension desperately need light to shine on this
7 process. Victims want more than confirmation. They need
8 information and knowledge. We want the kind of justice that
9 allows the truth to be spoken out loud in a courtroom and we
10 want to know that prosecutors will not conveniently pass over
11 the too highly placed.

12 The crimes committed against me and others are
13 life-shattering and they are forever. I want no others to
14 suffer in this way. Judge Sullivan, you have the power to show
15 the American people that justice works for victims and society
16 as a whole as well as for defendants. Take the process out
17 from behind closed doors and reject this plea deal.

18 In closing, if in the end you cannot, will you or
19 someone help me and others victims understand why and how a
20 plea deal will help them and the American public and allow men
21 and women who run our public institutions to learn from this
22 tragedy.

23 Thank you.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Siegman. I appreciate the
25 time and attention you obviously put into preparing those

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1 remarks.

2 Is there any other victim that wishes to be heard?

3 Let me ask Mr. Litt or Mr. Mukasey if they wish to
4 respond to anything that Ms. Siegman just said?

5 MR. LITT: Not at this time, your Honor, no.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey.

7 MR. MUKASEY: Simply that I think the allocution was
8 sufficient for acceptance by the Court, Judge.

9 THE COURT: Ms. Siegman, I am certainly sensitive to
10 the points you've made, but I think there is a difference
11 between a criminal trial and a truth commission, which each may
12 have their benefits to be sure. But I think a criminal trail
13 is less ambitious than a truth commission.

14 Mr. Mukasey I think is correct in saying that the
15 allocution that Mr. DiPascali gave is sufficient under the law
16 and so the issue for me is there something manifestly unjust
17 about the plea agreement or the plea that has been offered
18 here. I don't believe that the request for the truth ends
19 today. Certainly sentencing will not take place for several
20 months. But before imposing sentence, I would expect to have
21 more information than what I've heard today and what you've
22 heard today. So I expect there will be more information and
23 the Court will sentence on the basis of additional information.
24 I assume that to be the case.

25 So in light of those remarks I will, I believe, accept

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1 the plea. I have a few other things I would like to take up
2 with Mr. DiPascali. I am certainly sensitive to your concerns,
3 which I think are probably the concerns of many other people as
4 well. Thank you for your time.

5 Let's me ask you now to rise again, Mr. DiPascali.

6 How do you now plead to Counts One through Ten of the
7 information, guilty or not guilty?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Did you do the things you are charged with
10 doing in the information?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Indeed I did.

12 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty because you are
13 guilty?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty voluntarily and of
16 your own free will?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Mr. DiPascali, because you acknowledge
19 that you are guilty as charged in Counts One through Ten of the
20 information, because you know your rights and are waiving those
21 rights, because your plea is entered knowingly and voluntarily
22 and is supported by an independent basis in fact for each of
23 the elements of the offenses charged in the information, I
24 accept your guilty plea and I adjudge you guilty on Counts One
25 through Ten of the information.

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1 You may have a seat.

2 Mr. Litt.

3 MR. LITT: I would ask if the Court could inquire
4 about whether the defendant Mr. DiPascali admits to the
5 forfeiture allegations.

6 THE COURT: Fair enough.

7 Mr. DiPascali, let me also ask you about the
8 forfeiture allegations. There are two forfeiture allegations
9 in the information.

10 You indicated you have read them both, is that
11 correct?

12 THE DEFENDANT: That's correct.

13 THE COURT: Do you admit the facts that are contained
14 in each of the allegations?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.

16 THE COURT: Is that sufficient, Mr. Litt?

17 MR. LITT: Yes, it is.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 Let's talk about sentencing now. The parties
20 requested the sentencing be put over for a number of months in
21 light of Mr. DiPascali's cooperation and had requested that I
22 set a control date in May of 2010.

23 Is that still the position of the parties?

24 MR. LITT: It is of the government, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey.

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1 MR. MUKASEY: It is the position of the defense,
2 Judge.

3 THE COURT: Tell me what exactly it is that you have
4 in mind? So by that date I would get another submission or
5 letter from the parties, or by that date we would have
6 presumably a sentencing unless I adjourned it?

7 MR. LITT: Well, I think you would get a letter from
8 the parties, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: On that date or a date before that date?

10 MR. LITT: On that date.

11 THE COURT: On that date. You expect that the
12 cooperation will be going for at least that long?

13 MR. LITT: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Or approximately that long?

15 MR. LITT: I would say at least.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey, that is your position as
17 well?

18 MR. MUKASEY: Yes, Judge.

19 THE COURT: May 15th. I will expect a letter from the
20 government apprising the Court as to whether or not it is
21 prepared to go forward with sentencing, and if not proposing
22 another control date. Obviously Mr. Mukasey should be CC'd on
23 any correspondence.

24 Let's talk about bail pending sentencing. Title 18,
25 Section 3143(a) provides that a defendant shall be detained

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1 following a plea or conviction, unless the judicial officer
2 finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not
3 likely to flee. This is for the period between a jury's
4 verdict or in the case of today a guilty plea and the
5 sentencing.

6 So I had also had sign-in sheet to hear from any
7 victims who wish to be heard on this sheet. No one has signed
8 that sheet.

9 Does anyone wish to be heard with respect to bail or
10 remand?

11 The parties have submitted a letter, which I
12 referenced earlier. Bear with me while I am looking for it. I
13 remember it well. It provided for a bond of \$400,000 -- excuse
14 me, \$2.5 million to be secured by three financially responsible
15 persons, to be secured with property of \$400,000 which would in
16 essence be the equity value in the home of Mr. DiPascali's
17 sister, surrender of all travel documents with no new
18 applications permitted, and travel restricted to the Southern
19 District of New York, Eastern District of New York, and here it
20 says the District of Pennsylvania but Pennsylvania has more
21 than one district, as well as regular pretrial supervision.

22 Is that the position of the parties?

23 MR. LITT: We meant to say the Eastern District of
24 Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey, which is where the
25 defendant lives.

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1 MR. MUKASEY: That's right.

2 THE COURT: I see. Anything else that the parties
3 wish to say on this?

4 MR. LITT: No, your Honor.

5 MR. MUKASEY: Yes, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey.

7 MR. MUKASEY: By agreement with Mr. Litt, subject to
8 approval of the Court, we would ask for one week from today
9 until August 18th to satisfy those bail conditions if they are
10 acceptable to your Honor.

11 THE COURT: I am not sure they are. I should state
12 that up front. Following a jury's verdict or following a
13 guilty plea there is a presumption that the defendant will be
14 detained, remanded pending sentencing. That is for a variety
15 of reasons. That is the Bail Reform Act of 1984. I think
16 everyone at the front two tables understands that.

17 So I want to explore that. It seems to me that this
18 defendant has ample incentive to flee. I understand he is
19 cooperating with the government, but the defendant is 52 years
20 old. He is facing a maximum term of imprisonment of 125 years.
21 Although the plea agreement has no guidelines calculation, I
22 certainly have done an admittedly quick and dirty guidelines
23 calculation. But based on just the fraud counts, it seems to
24 me that the guidelines calculation comes out at a fairly
25 astronomical place based on the amount of the loss involved,

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1 based on the abuse of trust that was involved in the course of
2 the schemes to which Mr. DiPascali admitted.

3 So it seems to me under the guidelines, even with the
4 acceptance the guidelines would call for a range of mandatory
5 life. Now, because the maximum sentence is not life but 125
6 years, under the guidelines before considering cooperation,
7 before considering the Section 3553(a) factors, the guidelines
8 would be recommending a life term. So that is certainly
9 serious, serious consequences facing Mr. DiPascali.

10 Now, the bail package proposed here by normal
11 standards would seem pretty considerable. There is 2.5 million
12 dollar bond that would have three financially responsible
13 persons and property that is valued -- at least the equity
14 value is \$400,000. So by most standards that would be a pretty
15 large package. But that amount is completely dwarfed by the
16 amount of restitution and forfeiture in this case. \$170
17 billion is what the plea agreement provides for Mr. DiPascali
18 to forfeit. So it would seem to me that a 2.5 million dollar
19 bond thrown on top of that mountain doesn't count for much.

20 Now, the next argument would be that the financially
21 responsible persons, the co-signers and Mr. DiPascali's sister
22 would have some moral suasion over him, that he would be
23 disinclined to flee or do anything that might put them at risk,
24 and only that might be persuasive. But in this case there are
25 thousands of victims who many of them lost more than \$2.5

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1 million. So the fact that three more victims might be thrown
2 on top of a long list of victims doesn't strike me as a
3 terribly compelling basis to believe that Mr. DiPascali would
4 be deterred from engaging in conduct that would constitute a
5 violation of the terms of his bail or flight.

6 Now, the penalties for bail jumping are by most human
7 standards considerable. It is five years' imprisonment,
8 maximum, with a two-level enhancement for obstruction of
9 justice on top of the guidelines calculation in this case. But
10 here it would be again virtually meaningless. It would expand
11 the maximum penalty from 125 years to 130 years. It would
12 expand the guidelines calculation from what I think looks like
13 a level 46 to a level 48. And for those of you unfamiliar with
14 the guidelines level 43 is life. So you can't do much more
15 than that.

16 So in light of this, the package strikes me as fairly
17 symbolic and not terribly onerous in light of the other facts
18 in this case. So it seems to me that it is really we are on an
19 honor system. I am being asked to believe that Mr. DiPascali
20 is not going to run away because he has turned his life around
21 and that I should credit his statements here today that he is
22 sorry for what he has done and he is committed to making amends
23 to the best of his ability, which I can understand the
24 sentiment. But the fact of the matter is the defendant's
25 conduct which is admitted today doesn't give me great

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1 confidence on that store.

2 Mr. DiPascali has admitted to a 20-year period of
3 fraud in which he committed perjury to the SEC under oath. He
4 maintained and manufactured false books and records that were
5 designed to mislead regulators and auditors. He issued by his
6 own account and the government's account literally thousands or
7 even millions of statements to investors that were designed to
8 mislead them and lull them into maintaining investments they
9 had made or increasing the investments that they had made. The
10 money laundering that is set forth in one of the accounts
11 describes a fairly massive-scale scheme that continued as
12 recently as December of 2008.

13 So I think all of that suggests to me that Mr.
14 DiPascali is not a good bet. I think the argument that I
15 anticipate is that, Well, Mr. DiPascali understands that if he
16 violates the terms of his bail then his cooperation agreement
17 will be ripped up and any hope he would have for a sentence
18 below the guidelines would be greatly diminished. I understand
19 that as well. But I don't think it would be irrational for a
20 defendant faced with the kind of sentence that Mr. DiPascali is
21 facing to decide that maybe cooperation is not going to do it.

22 So all of this basically leads me to the statute, back
23 to the statute which is that I need to be persuaded as the
24 judicial officer that there is clearing and convincing evidence
25 that he is not going to flee and at this point I am not really

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1 there.

2 So let me hear from counsel if they want to be heard
3 on this. Mr. Mukasey.

4 MR. MUKASEY: Thirty seconds, Judge, to confer?

5 THE COURT: Certainly.

6 (Pause)

7 MR. MUKASEY: Judge, if I could be heard on the issue.

8 THE COURT: Certainly.

9 MR. MUKASEY: Mr. DiPascali, your Honor, has known
10 that he has been under investigation that could put him in jail
11 for the rest of his life since December 11th, 2008. At that
12 time he was served with a grand jury subpoena. He has known
13 that this day was coming for probably eight months.

14 THE COURT: Can I interrupt you?

15 Because it seems to me that based on what has been
16 described to me is that Mr. DiPascali must have known that this
17 house of cards was going to come crashing down for years but it
18 didn't prevent him from doing what he did up until December of
19 2008.

20 MR. MUKASEY: As Mr. DiPascali mentioned, Judge, I
21 think that he always thought that there would be a safe landing
22 for many investors and it wasn't until really the end that he
23 learned the full truth of this.

24 I would like to address my comments really to his ties
25 to the community and why I think notwithstanding your guideline

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1 analysis, which is pretty darn accurate, and notwithstanding
2 the really cataclysmic nature of the fraud here, I think Mr.
3 DiPascali is a clear and convincing bet to return to court.

4 He has known he has been under investigation for the
5 better part of nine months. He has been speaking with the U.S.
6 Attorney's Office. He has been following the guidance by the
7 FBI. I am not shy to say that I believe he has established a
8 relationship with the agents of trust. He is where he is
9 supposed to be when they ask him to be there. He has been at
10 every proffer, at every meeting, and every location that he is
11 supposed to be at. He understands that he has but one way to
12 ever see the light of day and that is to satisfy the government
13 that he is trustworthy person.

14 I think the government is signing him up to the
15 cooperation agreement says something about their trust in him.
16 He understands that he has got miles to go in terms of
17 providing substantial assistance. He is here today and he has
18 known he was going to be here today to try to reach that goal.
19 He understands that he is working his way down from probably a
20 life sentence. I anticipate Mr. DiPascali, and I think the
21 government would back me up on this, to be a cooperator in a
22 white-collared case in a historic nature, somebody who can pull
23 the curtain back on a fraud and answer a lot of questions that
24 Ms. Siegman wants to be answered and the whole world wants to
25 be answered.

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1 We would not have gone through what was really a
2 grueling process to convince the government that he was a
3 person worthy of its trust if we didn't want to see this
4 through to the end. Mr. DiPascali does want to see it through
5 to the end and that is why he came here and admitted in open
6 court a fraud of 30 years or the better part of 20 or 30 years.

7 Let me talk a little bit, Judge, about Mr. DiPascali's
8 background. He has in Bridgewater, New Jersey, four children.
9 He comes from an extremely close family. In fact, this is the
10 first time I have ever seen him discuss the fraud without
11 breaking down and crying. He is an emotional person. He is
12 not a person that would ever do anything to harm his family. I
13 think that really in the back of his mind he wasn't convinced
14 that investors would be hurt here. Of course they could have
15 been. I am not sure he was convinced that they would have been
16 had Mr. Madoff actually had assets to back this up.

17 Let me tell you a little bit about each of Mr.
18 DiPascali's kids and the relationship he has with them as well
19 has his siblings. He has a daughter today who is starting
20 Brooklyn Law School. Yesterday he went with her to move her
21 in. He is incredibly close with her.

22 He has three sons -- Frank, Jr., Greg, and Mike. The
23 two young ones live at home. Mr. DiPascali is their world and
24 he is their world. He supports his mother who is 77 years old
25 and also lives in Bridgewater with one of his sisters. Then he

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1 has the other sister who is willing to post her house to show
2 her confidence in Mr. DiPascali.

3 I think that if the amount of the bond were raised and
4 perhaps if we could somehow find additional security that that
5 could be thrown on to the pile as well. There is not a bail
6 package in the universe that is not without some risk, but I
7 think this is a bail package that can be fashioned into a bail
8 package that gives the Court comfort, like the government has
9 comfort in Mr. DiPascali.

10 It is worth pointing out that since January Mr.
11 DiPascali has been operating under, to use your term, the honor
12 system with the government. They have never frozen his assets.
13 They never seized his bank accounts. He voluntarily turned
14 over to the U.S. Marshal some of his property. He is prepared
15 to turn over his property. He has been operating since January
16 on really a letter agreement with the government regarding his
17 spending knowing that he would be ultimately subject to a
18 forfeiture order. He has not violated the government's trust
19 once.

20 Every month we report to the government the amount of
21 money he is spending. They are keeping him on a tight leash
22 and he is abiding by that. He has almost no assets that are
23 not forfeitable. So as soon as the government moves to freeze
24 the bank accounts and seize the bank accounts, he is not going
25 to have disposable income. He doesn't have an ability to flee.

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1 He doesn't have anywhere to go frankly. We turned over his
2 passport. My office has kept the passport for months.

3 To the extent it is worth knowing, he has put hundreds
4 of hours into preparing to proffer with the government,
5 learning about what it means to be a government witness,
6 learning what it means to accept responsibility and hopefully
7 get a 5K1 letter because he wants it not because he wants to
8 take off. He takes care of his mother. The Pretrial Services
9 officer asked this morning, Do you speak to your mother and
10 your sisters on a weekly basis? And he said, No, much more
11 than that. He speaks to them not on a daily basis but
12 sometimes on a multiple-times-in-a-day basis.

13 It sounds maybe odd stacked up against this fraud, but
14 he is a family person. He doesn't travel. He doesn't go on
15 lavish vacations. He is a homebody. He wants to cause no more
16 pain to his kids. He sat in our office a couple nights ago
17 explaining to his family the possibilities and the
18 consequences. He has been straight up with them, he has been
19 straight up with us, and he has been straight up with the
20 government.

21 You can take this bet, Judge, Mr. DiPascali is here to
22 do the right thing. He wants the 5K letter. It would be inane
23 for him to flee and leave his family with nothing as it is.
24 They are going to have to endure very, very rough times. I
25 don't think he thinks about it in terms of, Well, I am facing

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1 life in prison, what is another two years if I get a bail
2 jumping charge. He thinks of it in the opposite way, which is
3 I am facing life in prison and I better show up every darn day
4 if I am to avoid anything but that.

5 That is why we entered into the cooperation agreement.
6 That is why we hope Mr. DiPascali can satisfy the Miriam
7 Siegmans of the world and the government and this Court. I
8 don't want to put anybody on the spot. I think the FBI agents
9 would speak to diligence and his compliance and his ability to
10 be trusted to continue to work with them. I think they would
11 establish a very good relationship with him, professional and
12 arm's length but very trusting. You can imagine the hill that
13 the government faced in offering him a cooperation agreement.
14 They I think came at this perhaps at the beginning with the
15 same scepticism that your Honor does and he won them over. If
16 your Honor releases him on an appropriate bail package, he will
17 win your Honor over with trust and with compliance.

18 May I have one moment, Judge?

19 THE COURT: Certainly.

20 (Pause)

21 MR. MUKASEY: Thank you for hearing me, Judge.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Litt, anything you want to add?

23 MR. LITT: I would ask a couple of points that I think
24 your Honor anticipated in the arguments. Mr. Mukasey hit on
25 some of them.

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1 Mr. DiPascali, we do believe has known since very
2 early on -- December 11th, 12th -- that he was a key player in
3 this and he was under investigation and has not fled. He has
4 always cooperated with the government to date and appeared when
5 called upon to do so. He showed up today knowing what the
6 consequences of his actions today would be and certainly
7 deserves credit for that.

8 He does appear to be close to his family and he does
9 have significant ties to the community. The plea agreement
10 that he has entered into gives him every incentive to appear
11 and to try to fulfill the terms of that agreement because to do
12 otherwise would likely confine him to the rest of his life in
13 jail.

14 THE COURT: If he flees and you were able to get him
15 back.

16 MR. LITT: Yes. That's right, your Honor.

17 With respect to the bail package and amount, the
18 reason why there is less securities than there is in some other
19 cases there might have been is related to the forfeiture issue
20 and the fact that most of Mr. DiPascali's assets are subject to
21 forfeiture. And over the coming weeks we expect to be
22 presenting preliminary orders or forfeiture to your Honor which
23 may be submitted any time prior to sentencing to start the
24 process of accomplishing that. We have already to date
25 confiscated some of Mr. DiPascali's assets.

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1 Finally, the government believes that the assistance,
2 if we did not believe that he could provide substantial
3 assistance to the government, we wouldn't have entered into
4 this agreement. We do believe that he can provide substantial
5 assistance and we believe that his ability to do so would be
6 hampered were he to be detained.

7 THE COURT: Why is that?

8 MR. LITT: This is a very documented intensive
9 investigation, among other things. There are literally
10 millions of pages of documents and data and computer equipment
11 and the like that it will be very beneficial were he to be able
12 to have access to provide the substantial assistance that we
13 expect he will be able to do.

14 I think some of the concerns that your Honor has can
15 be addressed in part through electronic monitoring and home
16 detention if your Honor thinks that would add such an
17 additional layer of surety about flight. There are flaws with
18 that as your Honor well knows. There is no substitute in terms
19 of assuring somebody's presence in court other than
20 incarceration, but the government certainly believes that given
21 his connections to the community, again his record with the
22 government to date, the fact that he has not fled in the last
23 eight months, the fact that he showed up today and admitted his
24 guilt, exposed himself to 125 years of incarceration, that he
25 has three family members who would be tremendously harmed were

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1 he to flee if they were approved as cosigners on the package,
2 that those things even without home detention and electronic
3 monitoring in the government's view provide clear and
4 convincing evidence in this case, and every case must be viewed
5 on its own facts, to reasonably assure clear and convincing
6 evidence that Mr. DiPascali would appear when required.
7 Certainly those factors when necessary combined with home
8 detention and electronic monitoring would do that.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Litt, I am looking at a submission you
10 made to me in another case, which you reminded me that the Bail
11 Reform Act of 1984 creates no general expectation of post
12 verdict liberty. To the contrary, it establishes as a
13 presumption in favor of detention. You then went on to remind
14 me that "the interest in detaining defendants who have been
15 found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of such crimes also
16 includes the need to encourage general respect for the law by
17 signaling that a guilty person will not be able to avoid or
18 delay imposition and service of the sentence prescribed by
19 law."

20 So, look, let me say this: I have great respect for
21 the lawyers in this room. I know them. I think they are good
22 at what they do and I have great respect for them. Clearly
23 they have taken the positions they take because they believe
24 them and I don't disregard that lightly. On the other hand, I
25 think everybody recognizes that each of us has an independent

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1 role to play in this process.

2 Mr. Litt and Mr. Mukasey have focused on what Mr.
3 DiPascali has done since December of 2008. I keep focusing on
4 what he did for 20 or 30 years before that. I keep thinking of
5 how many people put their trust in Mr. DiPascali and have lived
6 to regret it deeply and I am frankly reluctant to put my trust
7 in Mr. DiPascali. I don't see why he would anymore respect the
8 oath he would take on a bail package than he would respect the
9 oath he took in front of the SEC, another arm of the
10 government. So I think we may have disagreement on this one.

11 I am not persuaded. Maybe I haven't heard enough
12 about how remand would affect his ability to cooperate with the
13 government. I think there are lots of individuals who are in
14 custody who can still cooperate very effectively and work with
15 law enforcement agents very effectively. On this record, in
16 the length of time that this conspiracy went on, again the
17 amount and nature of the misrepresentations to clients, to
18 government entities, to auditors, I just cannot find by clear
19 and convincing evidence that Mr. DiPascali does not pose a risk
20 of flight. I just can't do it.

21 MR. MUKASEY: Judge, if I could add some facts to the
22 record that might help persuade you that he is a trustworthy
23 defendant. In terms of your concern about how he would be
24 hampered from cooperating were he detained, not only he is
25 going to cooperate with the U.S. Attorney's Office and with the

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1 FBI, I can tell you from having been in these proffers, it is
2 an extremely onerous process involving computers and documents
3 and account statements and it requires the sort of 8-hour,
4 10-hour, 12-hour sessions that you just cannot have when you
5 are remanded.

6 He is also going to be cooperating with the SEC, with
7 the IRS, with any agency that wishes to speak with him, and we
8 hope and we believe there will be a number of agencies both
9 inside New York and outside New York that wish to speak with
10 him. We've discussed among ourselves the Massachusetts
11 Attorney General has been very, very active in this case.

12 Obviously he is a U.S. Attorney's Office cooperator,
13 but I would hope that when the Madoff cases are going to spring
14 up all over the country, Mr. DiPascali will be at least a very
15 valuable witness to debrief to understand the operations and he
16 is not a testifying witness. There are civil lawsuits that he
17 may be able to help people out. I think he is going to be
18 working chiefly with the FBI and SEC here in New York, but he
19 can and is ready, willing and able to work with these other
20 agencies.

21 The SEC of course have their limitations on where they
22 can do and when they can go and when Mr. DiPascali can go if he
23 were detained. I think it would seriously hinder his ability
24 to work with the SEC. Part of what the world wants to know
25 here is how did the SEC fail to catch this for lack of a better

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1 phrase and just to use the terms of discussion of the day. I
2 don't know the case that your Honor read back Mr. Litt's
3 language to him but I would ask the Court consider whether that
4 was a case of cooperation.

5 THE COURT: It was not.

6 MR. MUKASEY: And you make a good point obviously
7 about --

8 THE COURT: You have to say that, Mr. Mukasey.

9 MR. MUKASEY: I am not saying I agree with everything.
10 You make a good point about how do trust a guy who basically
11 has been a fraudster for 25 years. Here is the answer: He
12 lived in a universe for 25 years that he doesn't live in
13 anymore. On December 11th he exited that universe. Once he
14 got out of that universe -- by the way that universe was
15 twisted and it was perverted, and it was almost impossible for
16 somebody who wasn't living in that universe to understand. It
17 was an alternative reality. It was not the kind of conspiracy
18 where a bunch of people are down in the dungeon plotting how to
19 rip off innocent old ladies. It wasn't like that.

20 Mr. DiPascali started with Mr. Madoff when he was 18
21 or 19 years old. He didn't know the way things run at Goldman
22 Sachs. He didn't know the way things run at Morgan Stanley.
23 So sat and watched and he learned and listened and at some
24 point after several years I think a light went off, I think he
25 said to himself, This is kind of a bizarre universe but this is

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1 my universe. This is what Bernie tells me to do and this is
2 what I am doing. By the way no one is going to get hurt at the
3 end because Bernie Madoff has been telling me he has assets
4 abroad and in real estate and in commodities that are going to
5 make sure that all the clients' money will be able to be
6 returned.

7 So he wasn't out there sort of ripping and robbing and
8 stealing as you might think of it. He is guilty? 1,000
9 percent. No question about it. There is no way we could have
10 a trial in this matter. He is absolutely guilty. He was
11 living in a universe creating fake trade tickets and creating
12 fake trade blotters. It is the way you did things. It was
13 okay because Bernie was going to take care of it. Don't worry,
14 Bernie will take care of it. That is how he went to sleep at
15 night. That was the universe he was living in for 25 years, 20
16 years.

17 On December 11th he came to my office shaking, crying
18 out of that universe. He stepped out of that universe and
19 stepped into the real kind of world, the world that Ms. Siegman
20 lives in, I live in, you live in. The world where you cannot
21 create a fake trade ticket and say, Don't worry it is okay
22 because no one is going to get hurt here. He realizes now, he
23 is out of that universe. He is in a universe with laws and
24 rules and regulations and oaths and promises and trusts.

25 I am happy to tell you that we had to knock hard on

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1 the door of the U.S. Attorney's Office to get Mr. DiPascali in
2 there because they originally have the same -- I don't want to
3 speak for them. I would imagine prosecutors in the real world
4 have the same degree of scepticism. The guy was a fraudster
5 for 25 years. How could I trust him? How can I put him on the
6 witness stand? Well, you know what? He earned their trust.
7 He now I think has their trust. Because he stepped out of the
8 universe, the one that you are focusing on, the one that said
9 you have wanton disregard for these victims and you have a
10 20-year history of fraud.

11 He is in a new world where he talks to the FBI agents
12 almost every day. They were at his house yesterday. He goes
13 to the U.S. Attorney's Office at his job. It is going be his
14 full-time job. Never has never missed an appearance. He comes
15 early. He stays late. He goes outside to smoke and gets a
16 class of water. Otherwise he is in there looking at records,
17 explaining history.

18 So you are right there was a world that he is going
19 get punished for. He doesn't live in that world anymore. Now
20 he is in this world. Now he is in the world where he has got
21 to live up to what he says and he has to tell the truth or he
22 is going to go right back to that world where the only other
23 inhabitant is Bernie Madoff spending 150 years in prison.

24 THE COURT: I understand the arguments and the
25 sincerity of what you are saying and what Mr. Litt is saying

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1 that you have each reached a conclusion that Mr. DiPascali
2 would do that. Perhaps you know him better than I. I don't
3 think I can overlook the conduct that he admitted to today,
4 which I think coupled with the seriousness of the penalties
5 that he is looking at I think provides ample incentive to flee
6 if cooperation doesn't look like it is going to pan out the way
7 he thought, or as he gets closer to the day of sentencing that
8 the harsh realities of a sentence for this conduct starts
9 staring him in the face. I think in light of all facts and all
10 the conduct in this case and in light that Mr. DiPascali has
11 made false statements to the SEC and to others and in light of
12 the fact for decades he made false statements to people that
13 entrusted him with their life savings -- I am not going to
14 trust him with his life savings. I am just hoping he shows up
15 to court. People entrusted him with the life savings. I am
16 unpersuaded respectfully.

17 MR. MUKASEY: Perhaps if we can add some heft to the
18 bail package, something such as home detention.

19 THE COURT: Well, look, I don't rule out the
20 possibility of the parties to make another motion. Based on
21 what is before me today and based on the proposal that has been
22 made jointly by the parties for bail, I am going to deny that
23 request. I am going to remand Mr. DiPascali. It not designed
24 to be punitive. Time for sentencing is later. It is designed
25 really I think to meet the objectives of the statute in light

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1 of the facts as I understand them.

2 Mr. DiPascali, it may not be what you wanted or
3 expected today but --

4 MR. MUKASEY: May I have one moment to discuss one
5 matter with the government?

6 THE COURT: Certainly.

7 (Pause)

8 MR. LITT: Your Honor, if I could at the risk of
9 trotting over ground that we've covered, first with respect to
10 the brief that your Honor mentioned that, as your Honor knows,
11 was in a case following three and a half years of intense
12 litigation and a nine-week trial, not a cooperator.

13 THE COURT: A man whose fraud, total fraud was tiny in
14 comparison to this defendant's, right.

15 MR. LITT: Yes. Absolutely, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: I don't want anyone to be in the dark
17 here. I am referring to Mr. Litt's submission in the case of
18 *United States v. Alberto Villar*, 05 CR 621.

19 MR. LITT: That's right. I guess what I am having
20 difficulty articulating is it is essential I think is that we
21 believe that Mr. DiPascali's cooperation, what he wants to do,
22 what he says he wants to do will be hampered if we --

23 THE COURT: You have to take him out in order to bring
24 him to the FBI. Look, we are all experienced with cooperators.
25 We all know there are many cooperators who are in custody who

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1 are able to cooperate and meet with law enforcement officials
2 and engage in cooperation. He is not doing anything activity.
3 He is not wearing a wire and going out. I am not sure I am
4 persuaded that he needs to be out to be able to effectively
5 cooperate.

6 MR. LITT: The documents involved in this case fill a
7 half a floor of a New York office building and about 6,000
8 boxes in a warehouse and a computer server that was dedicated
9 in large part to the investment advisory activities, a computer
10 that Mr. DiPascali has a certain amount of specialized
11 knowledge about, a server that has proprietary software, that
12 is ancient by modern standards in terms of technology and the
13 operating system and the like. The records and the unraveling
14 of what happened in this case over decades requires looking
15 through exactly what I just described, a half of a floor of an
16 office building.

17 In going through this process, and I will just speak
18 in hypotheticals, to present a document to a witness that
19 triggers a recollection of something else. It is one thing to
20 be able to walk across the room or pull a file and present that
21 file in realtime and through that process get to the bottom of
22 what happened and a very small piece of what happened in this
23 case then it would be to do that process through the cumbersome
24 circumstance of Mr. DiPascali's being incarcerated.

25 I think it will just be a lot more efficient, the

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1 government will be able to get Mr. DiPascali's cooperation much
2 more fully, completely, efficiently, and quicker if he is out.
3 I would just urge the Court --

4 THE COURT: Let's me interrupt you, though. That is
5 not really the consideration of 3143. It doesn't say or if the
6 government thinks it would be more convenient to have a person
7 out. So clearly the government has reached a conclusion. And
8 I don't mean this disrespectfully. Clearly you reached a
9 determination that bail is appropriate. I understand that. I
10 am not persuaded by clear and convincing evidence that Mr.
11 DiPascali is going to be here at the time of sentencing given
12 the monumental sentence he is facing and given the amount of
13 cooperation that is going to be needed to put a dent into that
14 sentence.

15 So, look, I don't think there is much more that you
16 folks can say today that is going to persuade me. If you want
17 to make another submission, I will consider it. But on the
18 basis of the facts as I have laid them out, I am not prepared
19 to agree to the bail package that you have all proposed.

20 MR. MUKASEY: Understood that the current bail package
21 on the table needs to be withdrawn and obviously I am told
22 needs some more energy and some more heft. Judge, we were
23 obviously surprised by your Honor's take on this and what I
24 would propose is to allow us to brief this issue and or -- I
25 guess the law is pretty clear. I am not sure how much briefing

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1 there is going to be, but Mr. DiPascali's family is completely
2 unprepared for this. He is completely unprepared for this. He
3 is the financial provider to his family. I frankly didn't
4 recognize --

5 THE COURT: Is he working, though?

6 MR. MUKASEY: No. But I think he is certainly taking
7 care of his family, the four kids and the girl in law school
8 and the boys that are home for the summer. I think that we can
9 probably work out a package if your Honor were to give us 48
10 hours, 72 hours that was strict, that satisfied your Honor of
11 his ties to the community.

12 I agree that cooperation is not one of the 3142, 43
13 prongs. However, I think it bears some thinking about really
14 how he will be able to cooperater or not cooperate if he is
15 remanded, and probably satisfy your Honor with a package that
16 includes home detention, strict Pretrial Services reporting,
17 perhaps less travel, and a lot more for those he loves to lose.

18 THE COURT: I am reacting to what I have in front of
19 me now. The statute is pretty clear that unless I make the
20 finding that I am not prepared to make, Mr. DiPascali is
21 remanded. So I am going to order his remand without prejudice
22 to renewing a motion whenever you see fit with whatever
23 submissions you think appropriate.

24 Mr. DiPascali, we have not set a sentencing date for
25 you. That is because it has been represented to me that your

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1 cooperation will continue for some time. We have a control
2 date in May. Then perhaps we will have more information as to
3 when we will go forward with sentencing. I want to make sure
4 you understand about sentencing, however. As I said before,
5 the Probation Department will prepare a report, a presentence
6 report, that will be quite extensive. They will interview a
7 number of people, including the government to get more
8 information about the offenses that are in the information, and
9 also interview you, among others. So I would ask that you be
10 cooperative with the Probation Department as they prepare that
11 report.

12 Mr. Mukasey, I assume you wish to be present for any
13 interview?

14 MR. MUKASEY: Yes, Judge.

15 THE COURT: I will direct that no interview is to take
16 place unless Mr. Mukasey is present. So if they show up to
17 interview you and Mr. Mukasey is not there, you remind them
18 that I told you not to go forward. If Mr. Mukasey directs you
19 not for answer certain questions, listen to him, but don't make
20 any false statements to the Probation Department. If you were
21 to do that, it could be a separate offense or an enhancement
22 for obstruction of justice. So I think that would serve no
23 one's interest. Be as cooperative as you can be.

24 Mr. Mukasey.

25 MR. MUKASEY: I am going to back to the bail issue. I

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1 think that it might persuade your Honor what Mr. DiPascali is
2 looking forward to in terms of his cooperation and the ties
3 that he has to his family and the community and the cooperation
4 that he has already given to the government is perhaps if I
5 were allowed to ask the FBI Agent Keith Kelley some questions
6 that --

7 THE COURT: Asking here in open court, you mean?

8 MR. MUKASEY: Yeah. I don't want to do anything that
9 will put anybody on the spot, but I think there is a
10 relationship of trust here that can be considered a tie to the
11 community, in addition with the FBI and the government, which I
12 think Special Agent Kelley would shed some light on, in
13 addition to the very, very close ties Mr. DiPascali has with
14 his family.

15 THE COURT: I am not sure what you are asking me. Are
16 you asking me to put Mr. Kelley on the stand and let you
17 examine him?

18 (Pause)

19 THE COURT: Counsel.

20 Mr. Mukasey.

21 MR. MUKASEY: I am going to withdraw that application.

22 THE COURT: If you folks want to renew the
23 application, you can do so. I think I've explained what my
24 concerns are and what the burden is.

25 Is there anything else we need to cover today,

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1 Mr. Litt?

2 MR. LITT: No, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Mukasey?

4 MR. MUKASEY: If I can have just one moment?

5 (Pause)

6 MR. MUKASEY: Nothing further, Judge.

7 THE COURT: Thank you all. I will hear from you May
8 15th if not before then. I appreciate all your time. Thank
9 you to the court reporter, the marshals, and all the victims
10 who came as well.

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I (We) hereby certify that the foregoing
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of my (our) knowledge, from my (our)
stenographic notes of the proceeding.

[Signature]
Official Court Reporter
U.S. District Court